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Father Darkleaf

By: CALVIN ROBINSON

nd away we go on the first urn of a New Year, and a re ten thousand plus days be- e the Year Two Thousand. ace drive safely, live wisely l let us all try to make iff ne of us who made only a few mpy New Year Resolutions holding up very well thus . I am very superstitious and ays carry a Rabbit's Foot in pocket and am making a h start with a new one this ek.

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Gee, how has it been with ll? I think Appomattox had a eat holiday season. We sur- ed the snow blitz in good ape. Many are taking invent- y this week and I predict most ll be pleased with the tally. , alas, today's mail brought forms for Income Tax Re- rns and that is an awesome spect for some . . . a "white ff" is not something to wear; ther a statement of how much were paid last year!

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But there was something won- rful in today's mail: no less n three garden catalogs! Melt snow, and off we go. Seed ders seem to be in line and we e anxious to get started. Let ybody have a garden this ar.

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This is the season for listing top performers and the top ws events of the past year. ny experts have made their s. But let us here at home ask question: What was the top ws event of the past year in pomattox? I would say, the se vote on the issue of a new hool. Second, perhaps, would the Census. Closely followed the easy victories of Abbitt d Byrd for re-election. And it very much in order to pay tri- te to some of our leaders who ined me in a status of semi- tirement: F. L. Murphy, John rinals and Kit Carson. It will our privilege to look to this for continued public serv- e, and their successful car- rs are an inspiration to the lendid up-coming generation. ave.s to Betsy, Appomattox ver lacked for quality.

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The first of year snow was rfect for making snowmen. I s willing to try to fashion one, t then I saw the one in front the home of R. W. (Bobby) itchell, and decided I could not as well, much less better. y other nominations for Snow n of The Year!

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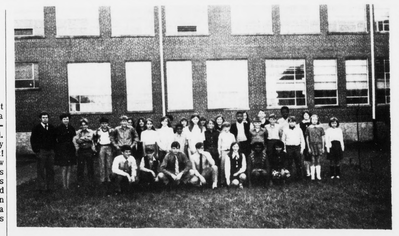
Taking the long view: my ddy, Bill Vaughan, got a tele- ope for Christmas . . . Bright- f got a card from Abby Elliott om the Swiss Alps . . . many sters got slowed down during holidays and one rabbit got bold came right up to my front or . . . the Federal Govern- nt has allocated $107,992 to pomattox County for special hool projects, mostly to catch ose reading skill. Is a book a sk too much to ask of you? . . . 3:24 P.M., Jan. 3 was a nsurable date, for then it was first cardinal of the new ar visited my bird feeder, and sat in awe, as did an assort- ent of sparrows . . . test of a d neighbor is helping shovel w, and tops in that field is my ighbor, K. E. Coleman . . . and if wraps it up for now, but nks for reading and do not be scouraged if you overdid urself in New Year Resolu- ns. Like I said: "I will be e One.

New Office Hours For Commissioner

The Commissioner of Reve- ue of Appomattox County, in C. Caldwell, is announcing w office hours because of the turday closing of most county ices.

The Commissioner's office is en Monday through Friday m 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from p. m. to 4 p. m. The office is ened on Saturdays except dur- g lunch hour Mondays through ridays.



Intermediate School SCA Members

Pictured above are members of the Appomattox County Intermediate School S.C.A.

8th grade members are Danny Scruggs, Holly Franklin, Janet Fitzgerald, Mark Elliott, Bobby Baldwin, Maurice Randolph. 6th grade members are Dawn Rush, Gaye Phelps, Robin Tomlin, Joe Ford, Tracy Jennings, Mitchell Eggleston. 7th grade members are Theresa Garrett, Carolyn Winston, Sandra Hancock, Keith Coleman, Charlene Rush, Bruce Gallier. 8th grade members are Debbie Rush, Patty White, Marvin Watson, Doug Marshall, Janice Bryant, Kathy Fratrick. Officers are Warren Coleman, David Marshall, Ricky Wingfield, Doug Belter, Joyce Foster, Cathy Paulette, Committee Chairman include Delaphine Lewis, Carolyn Jo Morris, Debbie Rush, Doretha Biglow, Cathy Paulette. Mrs. Gerald Wilbon and Mr. Bernie Monroe are the sponsors.

Little League Basketball

The regular season games started this Saturday morning at 9 a.m. for our local Little League Basketball. We have three age brackets with four teams in each bracket. It will be a six game schedule played over the next six Saturday mornings. Boys playing will furnish their own tennis shoes and shorts or pants. The league will furnish the shirts, each team having a different color. No one can play unless you attended at least one practice game.

The 10 and 11 year old boys will play each Saturday at 9 a.m. in both gyms. This Saturday the Raiders and Jets will play at the Intermediate School. All other games will be played in the same school that you practiced in. The 8 and 9 year olds will play at 10 a.m. in the High School. The 12 and 13 year olds will play at 10 a.m. at the Intermediate School. If you are a player and failed to pick up a schedule be sure to do so Saturday morning. See you Saturday morning!

Rabies Clinic Schedule For Jan.

The Appomattox County Health Department announces there will be three (3) dog rabies vaccination clinics held in January on the following dates:

Thursday – Jan. 7, 1971 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Fire House, Appomattox, Va.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 1971 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Williams Groc., Pamplin, Virginia.

Thursday, Jan. 21, 1971 – 7 to 8:30 p.m. – Fire House, Appomattox, Va.

SNOW DATE: Thursday, Jan. 28, 1971 – Fire House, Appomattox, Va. – 2 to 4 p.m.

The fee for this clinic will be $1.50 per dog.

CANCER UNIT TO MEET MONDAY

The Appomattox Unit, Va. Division, American Cancer Society will meet on Monday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School Library. Officers, members of the board of directors and other interested persons are invited to attend.

NAME ADDED TO MEMORIAL LIST

Mrs. J. A. Hamlet has notified the Times-Virginian of another name to add to the list of servicemen who lost their lives during war time. The name is that of her brother, Melvin M. Watkins, World War I.

American Legion Post 104 is compiling a list of servicemen lost in World War I, World War II, Korean and Vietnam to be inscribed in a monument on the Court House lawn. Additions and corrections are being asked for within the next few days in order that plans can proceed for the monument. Mr. L. A. Young is taking care of this part of the planning.

Mrs. Gilbert M. Ross, Instructor

Art Class For Adults & Children

The Appomattox Womans Club will sponsor an Art Class for Adults and children; classes beginning Tuesday, January 12th, to be held at the Rescue Squad Building.

Schedule and fees for the classes are as follows:

Adult Class – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – 10 weeks – $25.00

Adult Class – 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – 10 weeks –$25.00

Children Class – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – 10 weeks –$15.00

Students may work in any media choosing oils, acrylics, watercolor and pastel crayons.

Mrs. Gilbert M. Ross of Altavista, Va., has been secured to teach the classes. She will begin her classes by reviewing elements and principles of design and composition, with special emphasis on color theory and will discuss the three basic approaches to painting; Realism, Expressionism, and abstraction. From there each person will choose their media and approach.

Mrs. Ross is a highly qualified teacher having taught adult classes at Guilford College; in public schools; city recreation centers; and is presently teaching several classes in Altavista, Virginia. She has a BS in Art education from State University College, N. Y.; a Master's degree from the University of North Carolina and various teaching experience for ten or more years.

Those interested in signing up for the classes will please contact Mrs. Wm. W. Burke or Mrs. Martin L. Webb, by Mon., Jan. 11th.

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR JAN. 8

A public hearing will be held Friday morning, January 8 in the clerk's office, Appomattox, during the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The hearing concerns an ordinance requiring a permit for public entertainments held outside existing auditoriums or arenas.

TV Course Is Offered

CHEMICALS—HERBICIDES

D. W. Torrence, instructor of Agricultural Education at Appomattox Intermediate School, announced today that a special course in "Agricultural Chemicals – Herbicides" designed especially for young and adult farmers and others engaged in Agricultural Occupations who are concerned with the effective and safe use of agricultural herbicides would be offered at the Appomattox High School beginning Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The special course offered by educational television will be a series of six weekly lessons. Following the opening lesson on Jan. 19 one lesson will be presented on Tuesday of each week.

The course was developed by the Agricultural Education Service of the State Department of Education in cooperation with the Agricultural Education Department at Virginia Tech and will be offered on educational television on a Statewide basis.

Torrence announced that the six 30 minute ETV lessons will be offered as a part of the two-hour instructional sessions. The course will be under the supervision of the agricultural instructors of Appomattox.

The course will include lessons on the following topics:

Importance of Herbicides and Control Practices for Corn.

Methods of Weed Control and Control Practices for Forage Crops and Soybeans.

Selecting Herbicides and Control Practices for Lawns and Turfs and Tobacco.

Herbicide Application Equipment.

Control Practices for Small Grains, Gardens, and Speciality Areas.

Safety-Legal Considerations and Control Practices for Pastures and Peanuts.

For further information call D. W. Torrence (office 352-2551) or home (352-6791).

Large & Small Events Noted During County's 125th Year

Reconstructed Village of Appomattox Court House

Carolyn Morris 'Miss A.I.S.'

The social committee of the Student Council Association had a very successful Christmas dance Dec. 22, 1970 at the Appomattox Intermediate School gym. The music was by Windfall. Carolyn Morris is Miss A.I.S. which was announced by Warren Coleman, the president of the S.C.A. at the dance. She received a long stem red rose and a Miss A.I.S. banner. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dance and the S.C.A. looks forward to having more social activities in the coming months.

A.I.S. voted on a school team name and "Chargers" was chosen. Maybe this new name will give us more spirit than we have now. Go get'em, Chargers!

Cathy Paulette, Reporter

County Seeks New Industry

Historic Appomattox County, which came into existence 125 years ago, marked the beginning of its 126th year with a change in emphasis from its largely rural activities.

Developments during the year past point to increasing attention to industrial prospects and a change from a rural economy to an economy based on farm living with wage earners commuting to factories and other places of business.

Beginning in January 1970, supervisors and other leaders met with industry spokesmen of Norfolk and Western railroad and Virginia Electric Power Co. Outcome of their discussions was the preparation by VEPCO of a 96-page economic study for the county, complete with site maps of eleven potential industrial sites and a comprehensive summary of county resources.

An Industrial Planning Corporation was set up in February with James A. Smith as president.

Events both large and small will be remembered by county people.

Appomattox county adopted a unitary school system in February, with grades one to four at Appomattox Elementary School, now called Appomattox Primary School. Grades five - eight are now housed in the Appomattox Intermediate School, formerly Carver-Price Elementary and High School, and Appomattox High School became Appomattox County High School. Pamplin Elementary School, grades one-seven, accepted pupils of both races.

National Park superintendent A. O. Rector became superintendent of Shiloh National Military Park, Tennessee and was replaced by F. Alec Gould, formerly a historian at Colonial National Park (Va) & Fort Donelson, (Tenn.).

Fidelity National Bank completed construction of a new branch bank at Hillcrest and named Floyd E. Williams as manager.

The end of the year brought the retirement of Fitzhugh L. Murphy as president of Farmers National Bank and chairman of the board of directors. Mr. Murphy, long-time resident and civic and church worker in the county, remains on the board as a member.

The Appomattox County High School girls made it a near-perfect season in basketball with a 14-1 season under the coaching of Mrs. Carter Martin.

In March Dr. A. A. Fratrick and Dr. J. A. Mathews moved into a new office building on Court Street.

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, in the House of Representatives for 22 years, decided to run again for the 4th district seat and won in November by a large margin.

Long - time county leader Frank Allen O'Brien passed away in February.

Grade B milk producers from this county and surrounding area lost their market for milk and switched to the raising of veal, cattle and hogs.

The county's oldest resident, Mrs. Priscilla Abbitt, marked her 105th birthday in December.

Betsy Jones, Appomattox County High School senior, became "Miss Appomattox" in the annual Jr. Woman's Club pageant.

Thomas Franklin, ACHS senior, was named Star Chapter Farmer in May.

Georgie Belle Brannan and Shirley Ann Walker were named co-valedictorians of the county high school. One hundred forty-eight seniors received diplomas.

Miss Kate Franklin, well-known musician and teacher for many years, passed away in May.

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Rate Increase Deals Blow To Virginia Cooperatives

The recent announcement by VEPCO that they have filed with the Federal Power Commission a plan to increase the wholesale cost of electricity to electric cooperatives in Virginia will place an almost unbearable burden on members of Southside Electric Cooperatives is the opinion expressed by C. S. Hooper, Jr., Manager of the Cooperative with headquarters in Crewe, Virginia.

When expressing his concern for the welfare of the Cooperative members, Mr. Hooper explained that "in a cooperative business that operates on a non-profit basis, any increases in operating cost are passed on to the consumer - member in the form of increased rates. The member-consumers of SEC are aware of increased cost of labor and material and would accept a reasonable rate increase in order to assure themselves of an adequate supply of dependable electric power. However, an increase of approximately 33 per cent in wholesale power cost to Virginia cooperatives, according to figures released by VEPCO officials, is most unreasonable."

Mr. Hooper stated that "officials of all the electric cooperatives in Virginia are meeting this week to file with the Federal Power Commission their objection to such an unreasonable increase in wholesale power cost and will request a hearing before the Commission."

Mr. Hooper continued by emphasising that "the demands placed on rural areas to develop and grow will be seriously curtailed by high power cost. In a day when growth and development of rural areas is so important to the welfare of our state it seems to be most inconsiderate on the part of a giant in the electrical industry to pose such a hardship on the people of rural Virginia. It is almost impossible to believe that a corporation that has shown so much interest in helping people as indicated in their extensive television and newspaper advertising program would even consider imposing such burden on the people in the rural areas."

Southside Electric is one of 13 cooperatives in Virginia served by Vepco who are captive consumers of Vepco and have no other source for their wholesale power requirements to serve their membership. Twenty years ago, efforts to develop cooperative generating facilities were turned down by the State Corporation Commission, leaving this one source, Vepco, for wholesale power.

Mr. Hooper emphasized that the board of directors and management of Southside Electric Cooperative will exert every effort to assure the member - consumer of SEC an adequate and dependable source of electric power at a reasonable cost.

Vance Ottis Mims
Appomattox, Va.
October 3, 1950

Robert M. Honeycutt
Appomattox, Va.
November 21, 1950

Richard G. Janatka
Appomattox, Va.
November 27, 1950

Observe Twentieth Anniversary

Superintendent V. O. Mims, Compressor Station 170, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Richard G. Janatka, retired clerk and Robert M. Honeycutt, Pipeline foreman, have recently marked their 20th year with the corporation.

Supt. Mims came to Appomattox as superintendent in April, 1964, having served as repair foreman in Sour Lake, Texas. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mims are active in many organizations. Mr. Mims is serving as Lions Club tailtwister, is a member of the Appomattox Masonic Lodge and the O. E. S., serving now as worthy patron. The Mims are members of Liberty Baptist Church. They are parents of Elaine M. Stubblefield (Mrs. Robert) and Gene Mims, a junior at V. P. I.

As of December 29, 1970, they are grandparents of a grandson, Robert Jason Stubblefield (Jay).

Robert M. Honeycutt, native of Mooresville, N. C. came to Appomattox as foreman in 1952. He and Mrs. Honeycutt were later transferred to Reidsville but moved back to Appomattox where they make their home in the Transco village. They are parents of three daughters, Faye Stratton (Mrs. Thelbert), Kay, 16 and Gay, 14, and they are grandparents, also, of little Robin Jo, two years old. Robin Jo has a great-grandmother, Mrs. C. B. Honeycutt, of Kannapolis, N. C. who celebrated her 92nd birthday, Jan. 6.

Country Music is often heard at the Honeycutts and "Rob" is leader of the Piedmont Playboys, well known country music group.

A dinner was held last week to honor Mr. Richard G. Janatka, who retired from the company as of Jan. 1. He joined Transco on November 27, 1950 during the original construction here.

Mr. Janatka received a telegram and a gift from James B. Henderson, President of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Houston, Texas; a silver pen and pencil set and a bond from employees at Station 170.

Mr. Jim White, Superintendent of Compressor Station in this Division, and Mr. Bob McIntyre, both from Charlottesville office, were guests at the dinner honoring Mr. Janatka.

He and Mrs. Janatka, both skilled artists, live at historic "Reedfields." (See Dec. 24 and 31 issue of the Times - Virginian.)

New Year's Eve Snow - Nine In.

Official records at Va. State Police headquarters, Appomattox put the New Year's Eve snowfall at 9 inches, the second measurable snowfall of the season.

Snow flurries about 7 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 and again about 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. changed into a steady snowfall about 5:30 p.m. which continued until early morning hours of Friday, Jan. 1.

Snowmen, snowball contests and sled riding Friday, Sat., and Sunday gave vacationing school pupils a chance to enjoy all the frosty, white stuff.

Receive Grant To Fight Crime

A Criminal Justice Planning Grant of $12,866 for 1971 has been received by the Central Virginia Planning District Commission.

Recommendations will be made to the CVPDC Criminal Justice Committee on disposition of the funds at the next commission meeting in two weeks.

Most of the funds are expected to go toward the continued updating of a present plan for the cities of Lynchburg and Bedford, and the counties of Bedford, Campbell and Appomattox. The initial plan was formulated in Oct. 1969.

Woman's Club Plans Card Party

The Appomattox Woman's Club is inviting card players to come to a party on Friday, Jan. 22 at the Avalon Club. Bridge, canasta and other games will be played with refreshments served by the club.

Proceeds will go to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad for such needed equipment as resuscitators, stretchers and other items. Mrs. Merle Lawson is in charge of ticket sales and has additional tickets for anyone not contacted by a club member. There will be door prizes and other surprises.